other offices at Parur were located in rented buildings and in case the District Court was shifted from the place, that building could be used for accommodating these offices.

(8) A charging police station should be established at Mammala. The nearest police station was now at Perumpavur 20 miles away. Mammala was also a place on the Cochin frontier. Hence a police station was very necessary there.

(9) The English Middle School at Perumpavur should be converted into a High School.

(10) Arrangements should be made for introducing street-lighting at Perumpavur and for opening minor conservancy stations at Edapalli, Kuruppampadi and Puthankurisu.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Tarakan, the Chief Engineer is of opinion that the road is very badly aligned, that is, the road from Kizhillam to Kodanad, and is not suitable for conversion into a cart road.

MEMBER: The road may be made cartable up to Kuruppumpadi at least.

DEWAN: I will ask the Chief Engineer to consider that.

In regard to the new road you propose from the Kuttikal road, 1st mile, to the Marottikadavu on the Periyar near Perumtottam Bungalow, the Chief Engineer says that it requires investigation which he will order at once.

So also with regard to the road from Kumarapuram market to Palarivattam.

Your suggestion regarding the assumption by P. W. D. of the ryots' road from Thiruvaniyur to Kurinji, the Chief Engineer considers to be a useful one and he proposes to recommend that the road be taken over by Government.

In regard to the conversion of the Vittur-Valampur road into a cart road, the Chief Engineer has got an estimate ready and it will be submitted to Government shortly.

In regard to the water supply to Perumpavur town, we have sanctioned an estimate for a new well in the place of the existing one. The work is in progress and it will be completed in the present dry weather.

The opening of a canal from the Periyar to Perumpavur is in the opinion of experts impracticable.

The question of moving the District Court from Parur to Alwaye or Perumpavur is under the consideration of the High Court.

In regard to the police station at Mammala, if the Commissioner of Police says it is desirable, it will be established. Anyway there is at present an out-post at Mammala.

As regards lighting the Perumpavur town, it is a conservancy town. The Sanitary Commissioner is taking that question up and he considers that this may be provided for in the next year's budget (1104). He is also considering the question of minor conservancy stations at Edapalli, Kuruppumpadi and Puttankurisu.

133. Needs of Alwaye.

MR. M. V. NARAYANAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Member, Municipal Council, Alwaye*) said that a bridge was absolutely necessary at Alwaye. In the rainy season when the river was in floods the people were being put to much difficulty. The ferry service at the place was not at all satisfactory. People had to wait for long hours before the ferryman would take them across. There was a representation about the same subject at the former session of the Assembly, but no reply appeared to have been given to that representation.

Secondly, the member urged for the restoration of the Alangad taluk. It was an important taluk of considerable historical interest. It was a pity that such an important taluk was done away with. The people of the taluk were put to great inconvenience by the abolition of the taluk, particularly in the matter of administration of criminal justice.

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DEWAN 'S REPLY: Mr. Narayanan Namputiripad, you are not strictly correct in saying that I said nothing about the Alwaye bridge last year. This is what I said." The estimate works out to Rs. 3,29,000 and I am afraid it will not go beyond an estimate for the next two years at least".

When there are more urgent works serving arterial communications, the question of this bridge cannot as I said last year go beyond an estimate for some time to come.

MEMBER : Restoration of the Alangad taluk.

DEWAN : In regard to the question of restoration of the Alangad taluk, I can only repeat what I said last year. Nevertheless, though in name Alangad is not used at present for the description of a revenue unit, the land Alangad still remains and will remain for all time. The Government hope to evolve better arrangements for the administration of criminal justice in what used to be the Alangad taluk.

134. Needs of the Peermade taluk.

MR. C. A. ANUMANTAKUDI MIRA ROWTHER (*Member, Peermade taluk*) said that the Peermade taluk was not behind other taluks in respect of income, population etc. But proper attention was not being paid by the Government to the maintenance of public health in the taluk. Kumili and Vandiperiyar were two of the important stations in the place. Kumili was on the frontier between Travancore and the British territory and it was also the headquarters of the Government offices in the taluk. Vandiperiyar was an important trading centre. But these two stations were seats of malaria and it was highly necessary that two conservancy stations should be established, one at Vandiperiyar and the other at Kumili. Moreover, Peermade was a health-resort of many people and of late of the Ruling Family. Arrangements should therefore be made for the preservation of sanitation in the taluk.

Secondly, in the Peermade taluk, the Tahsildar was now exercising magisterial powers also. A separate Magistrate, preferably a Munsiff-Magistrate, was necessary for the taluk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Mira Rowther, there is a major conservancy station at Mundakayam, and a minor conservancy station at Arudai and conservancy staffs have been appointed at Vandiperiyar, Kumili and Pambanar in connection with plague operations. The Sanitary Commissioner has under consideration the question of at what all places in the Peermade area it is necessary to establish conservancy stations.

I shall have your suggestion of a Munsiff being appointed at Peermade with magisterial jurisdiction considered. By the way, I am doubtful whether the amount of civil work will justify it. Still it will be examined.

135 Encouragement of the Malayalam language and literature.

MR. P. C. NARAYANAN BHATTATIRI (*Member, Jenmies, Quilon Division*) said that respect for one's mother-tonge was one of the noblest sentiments inborn in man. No effort would be superfluous which an individual or a nation made to develop his or its mother tongue. In fact every civilised nation was to-day trying to develop its own language. But so far as the Malayalam language was concerned, the people whose mother tongue that language was, were neglecting it. They were anglicising themselves and throwing away Malayalam. In Travancore the Government were also partially responsible for this state of affairs. With a view to developing the Malayalam language, the member would suggest the following measures being taken by Government. Correspondence in every public office should, as far as possible, be in Malayalam. Arrangements should be made in all courts for giving Malayalam translations of judgments to parties. All correspondence in municipalities should be in Malayalam. Government publications of general interest such as the Census Report, the State Manual etc. should be published in Malayalam. Malayalam should be declared to be the court language in Travancore. Persons holding qualifications in Malayalam should be appointed in the Government service. All

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